

Appl. No.: 09/973,344
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Reply to Office Action of June 3, 2004

ELECTION AND REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for providing this opportunity to respond to the Restriction Requirement and the further clarification provided by the Examiner. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the Applicant must elect a single embodiment and, if Group I was elected, one species from IA, IB, IC and one species from ID and IE for further prosecution.

The Applicant has elected the invention of Group I for further prosecution, claims 1-18, which are directed to a method of forming golf ball cores and performs. The Examiner further indicated that claims 1-7, 11-13 and 16-18 are currently deemed generic to this invention.

For continuing the prosecution on the merits, Applicant further elects Species IA, claim 8, drawn to the use of a laser micrometer and Species ID, claim 14, drawn to the use of a visual cue.

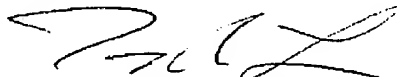
Consequently, claims 9-10 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration depending on the patentability of the generic subject matter. Claims 19-30 have been cancelled and Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter not claimed in the current application.

Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicant believes that the claims of the subject application are acceptable for consideration on the merits. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with Applicant's attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. However, if a fee is required, please charge the required fee to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

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